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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, DCI Security Committee

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater  
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Director of Central Intelligence Directive -  
Security of Foreign Intelligence in Automated  
Data Processing Systems and Networks

1. The Director of Central Intelligence Directive - Security of Foreign Intelligence in Automated Data Processing Systems and Networks (DCID 1/16) effective 6 June 1978, as well as previous versions, included a statement that specifically exempted Telecommunications from the policy established therein. The current draft revision of this directive being prepared by the NFIB Computer Security Subcommittee no longer has a provision exempting Telecommunications.

2. It is this Agency's position that Telecommunications should be exempt from this directive. The security standards applicable to real-time Telecommunications systems are vastly different from those addressed in the DCID, which apply to general purpose data processing systems. Furthermore, national forums and directives already exist which address Telecommunications Security issues. It is requested that the following exemption be incorporated in the subject directive: "These provisions do not apply to automated systems or networks used exclusively for telecommunications services. Security policy on such services is provided by the National Communications Security Committee."

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